

I think that allowing the routine use of cellular telephones aboard airborne aircraft is a terrible idea. I believe that air rage is, and will continue to be, a growing problem in the airline industry. Long lines at check-in and security, weather and mechanical delays, crowded airports, even more crowded airplanes, and weary travelers all contribute to the air rage problem. Adding a plane full of people talking on cell phones (each trying to be heard over the noise of the airplane and the other cell phone users) will only make matters much, much worse. On an airplane, there is simply no escape from someone else's cell phone conversation.

The only reason to allow the routine use of cell phone use on airborne aircraft is to allow people to kill time while traveling. Whatever negligible benefits this may provide are far outweighed by adding another stressor to an already highly stressful situation.